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FOR : HYBRID DRIVE SYSTEM WHEREIN CLUTCH IS ENGAGED
WHEN ENGINE SPEED HAS EXCEEDED MOTOR SPEED
UPON SWITCHING FROM MOTOR DRIVE MODE TO ENGINE
DRIVE MODE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application, please enter the following amendment: